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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title): SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCREASING CONCENTRATION
OF STERILANT IN REGION

1. Type of Application

This application is for an original (non-provisional).

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

8 Page(s) of Specification
2 Page(s) of Claims
2 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
1 Page(s) of abstract

3. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed and executed by the inventors.

4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

5. Language

English

6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to STERIS Inc. is attached. A separate FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--------------|---|----|------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Filed | | | Number Extra | | | Rate | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c)) | | | 14 | – | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$ 18.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Independent | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b)) | | | 3 | – | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ 86.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d)) | | | | | | | | | \$ 290.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee \$770.00

Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".) \$40.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$810.00

9. Method of Payment of Fees

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of **\$810.00** to credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0537. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

10. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

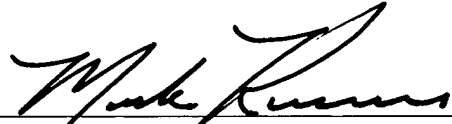
- 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 50-0537.

Date: October 21, 2003

Reg. No.: 31,115
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